

# ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2014

**Agenda Item:** Eight Mile Ford FAS - Temporary Construction Closure

**Division:** Fisheries

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 minutes

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## **Background**

The Eight Mile Ford Fishing Access Site is located in Madison County on the Madison River, a mile west of Ennis on Highway 287, then four miles south on County Road 249. The bridge leading into the FAS crosses an irrigation canal operated by West Madison Canal Company. The bridge lies on 10x10 wooden abutments, which have rotted, providing little or no structural support for the bridge trusses. This has resulted in a separation of the bridge decking from the trusses. Shoring was installed this spring to provide additional support to the deteriorating trusses.

The proposed project is to replace the wooden abutments with concrete footings and abutments, reinstall the existing bridge with new trusses, and new wooden bridge decking as needed.

The project as described also requires that the FAS be closed for 30 days for construction. A closure is suggested for a 30-days in portions of October and November 2014.

## **Public Involvement Process & Results**

The public will be notified of the closure through FWP's website and signage at the FAS.

## **Alternatives and Analysis**

An environmental assessment is not required for major maintenance activity.

## **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends that the project be accepted with authorization for a 30-day closure. Due to the uncertainty of contractor availability and weather conditions the exact dates of the closure have not been determined. It's anticipated that the project will be completed no later than the end of November.

## **Proposed Motion**

I move that the commission approve the temporary construction closure of the Eight Mile Ford FAS for a period of up to 30-days within the months of October and November.